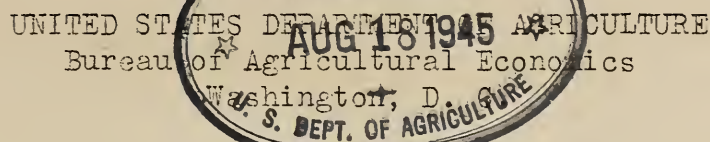


## **Historic, Archive Document**

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



1.9422  
A 8C67



Release:  
March 13, 1939  
1:30 P.M. (EST)

## COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF MARCH 1, 1939

A rather heavy out-of-storage movement of manufactured dairy products during February is reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. But stocks on March 1 continued heavy. The net out-of-storage movement of creamery butter during February was 18,554,000 pounds. The net withdrawals for the month last year were 10,178,000 and the 5-year (1934-38) average 19,092,000 pounds. Apparently the heaviest movement the past month has been from commercial stocks. These were reduced by 12,628,000 pounds and the Dairy Products Marketing Association and relief holdings by 5,926,000. Total stocks on March 1 exceeded those of a year ago this date by 71,767,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 73,822,000 pounds. Commercial stocks were 12,175,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 10,120,000 pounds less than the 5-year average for March 1.

The reduction in total stocks of cheese was considerably heavier than normal. Net withdrawals during February were 14,786,000 pounds. During February 1938 the out-of-storage movement was 7,841,000 and the February 5-year (1934-38) average 10,040,000 pounds.

Total stocks of eggs, both shell and frozen, were further reduced by March 1. The total case equivalent holdings on that date were 1,435,000 cases. This quantity is 1,382,000 cases less than were on hand March 1, 1938, and 131,000 less than the March 1 average.

Cold storage stocks of apples were seasonally reduced by 5,701,000 bushels. This compares with 6,740,000 bushels withdrawn during February 1938 and the 5-year average out-of-storage movement of 6,069,000 bushels.

Frozen fruit stocks were reduced by 13,569,000 pounds and frozen vegetables by 6,323,000 pounds during February.

The continued seasonal out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry showed net withdrawals of 17,231,000 pounds. This is about normal as 14,612,000 pounds was the reduction for February a year ago and the 5-year average 17,401,000 pounds.

There was little change in all stocks of frozen and cured meats, the variation from a month ago being an increase of approximately 1,000,000 pounds. Holdings continue considerably below average. They were about 8 percent below those of a year ago and 20 percent below the 5-year average.

(3/13/39)

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

## FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples on March 1, 1939, were the equivalent of 15,008,000 bushels. This quantity is 4,532,000 bushels less than on hand March 1 last year and 26,000 bushels less than the 5-year (1934-38) average.

Holdings of all varieties of pears, chiefly winter varieties, totaled 546,000 boxes and baskets compared with 345,000 a year earlier, and with the 5-year average of 327,000 boxes and baskets.

## FROZEN FRUITS

Stocks of frozen fruits reported as in cold storage on March 1 totaled 103,189,000 pounds, a reduction during February of 13,569,000 pounds. Of the total March 1 holdings, 22,762,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

The method used in the January and February reports of showing cold storage holdings of frozen fruits in totals for each variety, as in the table on page 3, will be continued until such time as a more satisfactory method of segregation can be developed.

The segregation by method of process - "quick-frozen" or "cold-packed" - as reported, is given in a table on page 7.

## FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables were reduced during February by 6,323,000 pounds. March 1 stocks were 55,525,000 pounds as compared with 25,992,000 pounds on hand March 1, 1938. Of the March 1 holdings, 4,943,000 pounds were reported unclassified as to variety.

-----

Contents of March 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on March 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

Fruits (fresh and frozen) and Vegetables (frozen), page 3;

Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings, by States or geographic divisions of the country, are included for apples and pears (page 8); cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry (page 6); and frozen poultry, by classes, (page 7).



## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	March 1, 1938	February 1, 1939	March 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	293	218	149	81
Apples.....western boxes	7,716	7,969	10,520	7,751
Apples.....bushels <u>1/</u> ...	6,439	10,917	9,742	7,014
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	15,034	19,540	20,709	15,008
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.		11	9	6
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..		3	6	2
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	306	317	796	494
Pears.....baskets (bu.)	21	14	68	44
FRUITS, FROZEN <u>2/</u>				
Blackberries <u>3/</u> .....pounds.....	Data		2,625	1,999
Blueberries.....".....	for	7,143	5,092	4,829
Cherries.....".....	these	18,583	18,171	15,620
Logan and similar berries <u>3/</u> ".....	earlier		2,969	2,756
Raspberries <u>3/</u> .....".....	years		7,351	6,744
Strawberries.....".....	not	24,821	33,686	29,386
Other fruits.....".....	comparable <u>4/</u>	60,281	17,487	19,093
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....			29,377	22,762
TOTAL.....".....	66,922	110,828	116,758	103,189
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus <u>3/</u> .....pounds.....			3,479	2,825
Beans, Lima.....".....	Historical	4,907	12,503	11,545
Beans, snap.....".....	data	1,796	5,159	4,980
Broccoli, green <u>3/</u> .....".....	not		1,153	1,183
Corn, sweet.....".....	avail-	1,911	6,206	5,846
Peas, green.....".....	able	8,342	21,241	18,852
Spinach.....".....		2,187	3,107	2,853
Other vegetables.....".....	<u>4/</u>	6,849	3,420	2,498
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....			5,580	4,943
TOTAL.....".....		25,992	61,848	55,525

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by method of processing, i.e., "quick freeze" and "cold pack".

3/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

4/ Includes items designated by note 3/.

Stocks of creamery butter decreased during February by 18,554,000 pounds, which exceeded the out-of-storage movement of February a year ago by 8,376,000 pounds but was 538,000 pounds less than the 5-year (1934-38) average. The Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings on March 1, 1939, were 69,538,000 pounds compared with 70,043,000 pounds on February 1. Of purchases made by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation from the DFMA, 9,400,000 pounds were still in storage. There were also 5,004,000 pounds of butter held by various states for relief distribution. The combined butter holdings of these agencies on March 1 thus totaled 83,942,000 pounds compared with 89,868,000 pounds held on February 1, 1939. The remaining stocks, held commercially, totaled 8,858,000 pounds compared with 21,486,000 pounds on February 1, 1939. The March 1, 1938, commercial stocks were 21,033,000 pounds and the average March 1 holdings during the 1934-38 period 18,978,000 pounds.

Stocks of American cheese in cold storage on March 1 were 77,274,000 pounds, a decrease during February of 13,127,000 pounds. Holdings were 3,459,000 pounds greater than on March 1 a year ago and 9,520,000 pounds more than the 5-year average.

Total holdings of both shell and frozen eggs were the equivalent of 1,435,000 cases. The reduction of stocks during February was the equivalent of 139,000 cases. The reduction during February 1938 was 228,000 and the 5-year average 337,000 cases.

The seasonal out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry continued with a reduction in stocks during February of 17,231,000 pounds. March 1 holdings were 116,300,000 pounds. This exceeds March 1, 1938, stocks by 15,807,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 5,761,000 pounds.

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	March 1, 1938	February 1, 1939	March 1, 1939
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	48	16	136	84
Twenty percent....." "	2	1	1	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds....	18,978	21,033	111,354	92,800
DPMA holdings....." ....			70,043	69,538
FSCC & relief holdings...." ....			19,825	14,404
Commercial stocks....." ....			21,486	8,858
Packing stock....." ....		36	41	54
CHEESE				
American....." ....	67,754	73,815	90,401	77,274
Swiss including block....." ....	4,948	4,033	5,902	5,548
Brick and Munster....." ....	638	569	568	456
Limburger....." ....	681	376	925	692
All other varieties....." ....	5,240	6,863	8,615	7,655
TOTAL CHEESE....." ....	79,261	85,656	106,411	91,625
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	148	281	136	164
Frozen.....pounds....	49,621	88,754	50,345	44,478
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	1,418	2,536	1,438	1,271
TOTAL EGGS 2/....." ....	1,566	2,817	1,574	1,435
FROZEN POULTRY 3/				
Broilers.....pounds....	12,523	7,862	10,804	9,300
Fryers....." ....	11,244	8,625	13,696	11,688
Roasters....." ....	26,866	20,161	31,273	26,743
Fowls....." ....	17,193	20,810	20,883	18,379
Turkeys....." ....	24,715	24,561	28,264	26,957
Ducks....." ....	2,018	2,717	4,664	2,989
Miscellaneous poultry....." ....	15,980	15,757	23,947	20,244
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....." ....	110,539	100,493	133,531	116,300

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 81 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of March 1, 1939, were classified as follows: Whites - 30 percent; Yolks - 14 percent; and Mixed - 56 percent.

3/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 7.



## MEATS AND LARD

Frozen and cured beef holdings were reduced during February by 6,399,000 pounds. March 1 stocks of 46,727,000 pounds this year were 10,296,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 50,656,000 below the 5-year (1934-38) March 1 average.

Stocks of frozen and cured pork were increased during February by 16,392,000 pounds. The quantity on hand on March 1 of this year was approximately 40,000,000 pounds less than on March 1 a year ago and nearly 100,000,000 less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats, which totaled 659,750,000 pounds, were less than those of a year earlier by slightly above 61,000,000 and the 5-year average by 170,000,000 pounds.

Lard stocks were reduced during February by nearly 7,000,000 pounds and were 8,393,000 pounds heavier on March 1, 1939, than those of a year earlier but 11,512,000 pounds less than the 5-year average.

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr.av. 1934-38	March 1, 1938	February 1, 1939	March 1, 1939
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	75,423	43,965	37,677	32,293
In process of cure.....	15,450	10,371	12,065	10,815
Cured.....	6,510	2,687	3,384	3,619
TOTAL BEEF.....	97,383	57,023	53,126	46,727
PORK				
Frozen.....	208,572	213,433	221,155	226,031
Dry salt in process of cure.....	44,401	45,301	42,127	42,038
Dry salt cured.....	43,462	41,490	25,764	29,417
Pickled in process of cure.....	197,298	162,368	146,823	147,751
Pickled cured.....	148,329	120,062	90,542	97,566
TOTAL PORK.....	642,062	582,654	526,411	542,803
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	4,490	3,523	2,925	2,764
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	85,781	77,779	76,238	67,456
TOTAL MEATS.....	829,716	720,979	658,700	659,750
LARD.....	136,884	116,979	132,078	125,372

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1939

By States, for Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-gt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	2	1,797	2,306		962	6,697
Other States.....		660	331		352	522
NEW ENGLAND.....		2,457	2,637		1,314	7,219
New York.....	58	12,498	9,208		5,645	27,038
New Jersey.....	4	25,806	3,630		5,397	9,061
Pennsylvania.....	3	542	1,114		4,666	4,684
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		38,846	13,952		15,708	40,783
Ohio.....	8	471	564		1,261	1,401
Indiana.....		83	23		163	1,444
Illinois.....		45,828	5,139		5,704	25,402
Michigan.....		273	1,136		699	1,611
Wisconsin.....	6	295	41,979		351	819
EAST N. CENTRAL....		46,950	48,841		8,178	30,677
Minnesota.....		712	521		802	4,758
Iowa.....		59	19		799	4,156
Missouri.....		702	750		5,476	6,939
Nebraska.....		293	581		586	6,820
Kansas.....		11	152		1,360	833
Dakotas.....		27	-		-	7
WEST N. CENTRAL....		1,804	2,023		9,023	23,513
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		1,222	1,671		1,771	1,840
Kentucky.....		7	125		906	616
Tennessee.....		165	98		555	499
Alabama & Mississippi.		76	155		250	64
EAST S. CENTRAL....		248	378		1,711	1,179
Oklahoma.....		23	137		1,509	232
Texas.....		166	1,552		3,276	227
Arkansas & Louisiana..		154	77		607	166
WEST S. CENTRAL....		343	1,736		5,392	625
Colorado.....		76	692		87	235
Other States.....		17	1,325		18	358
MOUNTAIN.....		93	2,017		105	593
Washington.....		91	377		214	1,949
Oregon.....		2	748		109	1,938
California.....		744	2,894		953	5,984
PACIFIC .....		837	4,019		1,276	9,871
Other States, combined for cream only.....	3					
UNITED STATES.....	64	92,800	77,274	164	44,478	116,300



## FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Classified by Varieties

Geographic division	March 1, 1939						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- Thousand pounds -						
New England.....	257	250	2,554	888	2,851	112	307
Middle Atlantic....	1,965	1,530	10,291	6,649	9,721	1,613	9,014
East North Central.	2,501	7,496	7,010	5,680	3,528	907	3,555
West North Central.	3,751	1,926	5,736	3,657	2,582	104	5,757
South Atlantic.....	53	27	428	177	716	130	309
East South Central.	126	179	176	347	92	35	224
West South Central.	26	15	19	191	153	9	212
Mountain.....	160	35	8	55	262	2	71
Pacific.....	461	230	521	735	7,052	77	795
UNITED STATES..	9,300	11,688	26,743	18,379	26,957	2,989	20,244

FROZEN FRUITS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Quick freeze processed		Frozen and preserved (cold packed)	
	Feb. 1, 1939	March 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939	March 1, 1939
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	348	294	2,277	1,705
Blueberries.....	1,248	1,318	3,844	3,511
Cherries.....	2,483	2,139	15,688	13,481
Logan and similar berries...	741	696	2,228	2,060
Raspberries.....	1,147	1,192	6,204	5,552
Strawberries.....	12,243	10,451	21,443	18,935
Other fruits.....	5,532	6,001	11,955	13,092
Classification not reported.	5,106	4,612	24,271	18,150
TOTAL .....	28,848	26,703	87,910	76,486

<sup>1/</sup> See "Frozen Fruits" on page 2 and in table on page 3.

## APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

## APPLES

State	March 1, 1939				March 1, 1938
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
- <u>Thousands</u> -					
Vermont.....	-	11	15	26	64
Massachusetts.....	-	2	91	93	322
New York.....	8	13	2,363	2,400	3,413
New Jersey.....	-	8	622	630	690
Pennsylvania.....	3	53	682	744	1,057
Ohio.....	-	21	172	193	568
Indiana.....	-	17	74	91	188
Illinois.....	-	38	391	429	856
Michigan.....	-	-	551	551	566
Wisconsin.....	-	14	32	46	81
Minnesota.....	-	54	6	60	81
Missouri.....	-	31	181	212	540
Virginia.....	69	15	1,347	1,569	2,630
West Virginia.....	-	-	133	133	292
Texas.....	-	62	-	62	79
Washington.....	-	5,741	-	5,741	5,863
Oregon.....	-	421	-	421	370
California.....	-	1,114	-	1,114	1,017
Other States.....	1	136	354	493	863
UNITED STATES....	81	7,751	7,014	15,008	19,540

## PEARS

State	March 1, 1939	March 1, 1938
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
- <u>Thousands</u> -		
New York.....	52	22
New Jersey....	21	19
Pennsylvania..	3	10
Illinois.....	7	18
Washington....	24	38
Oregon.....	333	173
California....	93	35
Other States..	13	30
UNITED STATES	546	345